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Changes

1. **6 FAM 600, Safety and Occupational Health (SOH) Program**, consisting of one subchapter 6 FAM 610, Safety/Health and Environmental Management Program, is removed by this transmittal and is now unassigned. When 15 FAM 900, Safety, Health, and Environmental Management Abroad (a new chapter) was issued by the Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations under CT:OBO-4 on December 21, 2005, it contained information from 6 FAM 610 that was revised for issuance in this new 15 FAM chapter. However, at the time of issuance, the material was not removed from 6 FAM 610 because it was thought that some of this material was under the control of another bureau and therefore was still relevant. It has now been determined that this is not the case so chapter 6 FAM 600 is now unassigned. As a further note, the Office of Medical Services issued 16 FAM 610, Occupational Health, which is limited presently to 16 FAM 619, Physical Fitness Program for Special Agents and Criminal Investigators in the Diplomatic Security Service (DS/DSS); 16 FAM 611 through 16 FAM 618 is currently reserved.
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